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March 31, 2016

Ms. Sian Mughan 408 School of Public and Environmental Affairs 1315 East 10th Street Bloomington, IN 47405

Re: Compiled Information Request for all Indiana Counties for Traffic Infractions

Dear Ms. Mughan

Your request to obtain compiled information of non-confidential court records has been approved by the Division of State Court Administration.

Under Indiana Administrative Rule 9(F)(2)(b) approval of a request for compiled information can be summarily granted by the Division of State Court Administration, without execution of a User Agreement, to individuals or entities having a substantial interest or bona fide research activity for journalistic purposes provided the requested data will not be resold or used for commercial purposes and does not contain confidential data, bulk data or financial data.

You are approved to receive compiled information from all courts in the State of Indiana consisting of an extract of cases of all traffic infraction cases filed in 2014 and 2015. A copy of your approved Summary Request is enclosed. The Division has decided to offer data from the Odyssey Case Management System to you without charge due to your status as a researcher.

The Division will provide a report of such records from the Odyssey Case Management System to you subject to the condition that the data may not be resold or used for a commercial purpose.

However, we do not offer case record financial data to any requesting party. This information can be obtained from individual clerk's offices.

As a part of your request, you have requested data from some Indiana Counties that do not use the statewide case management system. Our office only has access to court records from counties using the statewide case management system (the "Odyssey" system).

Since we do not have access to those counties using other case management systems, Administrative Rule 9(F)(2) provides that the Executive Director may forward the request to courts exercising jurisdiction over the records. We will be forwarding a copy of your approved request to each presiding judge with a copy to the clerk of court notifying them of the Division's approval of your request. The comments to Administrative Rule 9(F)(2) authorizes courts, in their discretion, to provide access to bulk and compiled data but does not require that such information be made available. Permitting bulk distribution or compiled information should not be authorized if providing the date will interfere with the normal operations of the court. Each court is entitled to determine whether to charge an amount up to the fair market value of the data. In order to obtain compiled information from the non-Odyssey counties, you will need to contact each court.

Please contact the Court Technology at 317.234.2720 to proceed with receipt of your data. A copy of the Odyssey Data Order Form is enclosed.

If you have any questions, please contact me at richard.payne@courts.IN.gov or (317) 234-5398.

Richard T. Payne Staff Attorney

Sincerely

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REQUEST FOR SUMMARY RELEASE OF COMPILED INFORMATION (NOT EXCLUDED FROM PUBLIC ACCESS)

To the Executive Director of State Court Administration:

Requestor submits this request under Administrative Rule 9(F)(2)(b) for summary release of bulk data/compiled information not excluded from public access by Administrative Rule 9(G).

I.	Identity of Requestor	Sian Mughan
	Address	408 School of Public and Environmental Affairs 1315 E. 10th Street Bloomington IN 47405
	Contact and Title	PhD Student/Research Assistant
	Telephone	(614)551-8355
	E-Mail	smughan@indiana.edu

II. What substantial interest or bona fide research activity does Requestor have for scholarly, journalistic, political, governmental, research, evaluation or statistical purposes with regard to the requested data? (Explain in detail)

I am an academic researcher who is interested in local government finance. I will use this data as a part of a research agenda focused on how fines and fee laws/policies contribute (detract from) to government budgets as well as how they effect individual outcomes. I expect research using this data to ultimately result in at least one paper published in a peer-reviewed journal.

III.	List all	known	business	entity nan	nes related	to Re	equesting	Party	that	will
partici	ipate in t	he use a	and disse	mination (of the data	prov	ided:			

University of Indiana, Bloomington. I have included a copy of some of my student information as well as a section of the resume of my academic advisor, Dr Justin Ross.

IV. Identification of bulk data/compiled Information sought (specify and describe the records sought and the compiler or location):

All court records for the 2014-2015 period that are classified as traffic infractions (IF)

V. Identify the frequency with which bulk data and compiled information is being requested to be transferred to Requestor by each Court listed in Section III.

One time delivery

VI. Identification of Court(s) exercising jurisdiction over the records (list the courts):

All courts in all counties

VII. Purpose for Request: What is the purpose of the request and how is release of the requested data consistent with the purposes of Administrative Rule 9 (set forth reason)?

This data will be used for academic research studying the impact of traffic tickets on local government budgets as well as their impact on the individual offenders.

VIII. Describe the resources available to prepare the information.

Odyssey Case Management System/court records

IX. Describe how fulfilling the request is an appropriate use of public resources.

This data will be used for academic work that will deepen our understanding of how changes in Indiana law regarding traffic tickets and drivers' licenses are affecting government budgets and individual outcomes.

Court listed in	copy of each Agreement Requestion III to provide public piled information.					
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Signature	12-12					
Printed Name	Sian Mughan					
Title	PhD Student/Research Assistant					
Date	25 March 2016					
Action by Inter State Court Ad	im Executive Director of ministration	Application approved				
Signature All	90-	Application denied				
David R. Remo Interim Executi		Date 3/29/16				